



NEWS YOU CAN USE

President's Message

by Darren Abramson, DFA President

Congratulations to DFA Past President Dr. Laurene Rehman, who on July 1 began her appointment as Director, School of Health and Human Performance, Assistant Dean, Research (Students). Now in an administrative position with Dalhousie, Laurene will be stepping down from her role as Past President with DFA. During my time working with Laurene on Association issues and initiatives, I have learned a great deal from her leadership and am certain she will flourish in her new role. On behalf of the DFA, I extend my sincere appreciation to Laurene for her service and commitment to the Association and our members.

Dalhousie Renames Faculty of Health

Effective July 1, Dalhousie's Faculty of Health Professions became the Faculty of Health. Established in the 1960s, the Faculty of Health Professions trained various health professionals. The Faculty's role has since grown to include a broad research enterprise, and incorporates innovations in teaching, such as a robust inter-professional education program. Today, the Faculty of Health has more than 300 faculty and staff teaching 3,000 students in eight schools, the College of Pharmacy and Clinical Vision Science.

Building Capacity for Indigenous Health Research Scholars

Researchers from eight Atlantic Canadian universities involved in the Atlantic Indigenous Mentorship (AIM) Network have received a training grant of \$999,990 from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research – Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health. Debbie Martin, an associate professor in Dalhousie's Faculty of Health, is the principal investigator on the project. The AIM Network will expand and support research capacity, skills, and career trajectories of Indigenous early career researchers and trainees at all post-secondary levels. Universities involved include Dal, St. FX, MSVU, MUN, CBU, UNB and UPEI.

Dalhousie Awards University Research Professorships

Dalhousie grants the title of University Research Professor to a limited number of faculty members who have achieved distinction in scholarship. Congratulations to the following faculty members who have been appointed University Research Professor for July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018:

- Dr. Zhizhang Chen, Faculty of Engineering
- Dr. Evangelos Milios, Faculty of Computer Science
- Dr. Ingrid Sketris, Faculty of Health

Congratulations to the Recipients of the Dal Teaching Awards

Congratulations to the 2017 recipients of Dalhousie's University-Wide Teaching Awards:

- Lisa Goldberg (Nursing) *Award for Excellence in Education for Diversity*
- Vivian Howard (Information Management) *Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Teaching*
- Diane MacKenzie (Occupational Therapy) *Academic Innovation Award*
- Jennifer Grek Martin (Information Management) *Contract and Limited-Term Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching*
- Mike Smit (Information Management) *Early Career Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching*
- Sherry Stewart (Psychiatry) *Award for Excellence in Graduate Supervision*

Dal Workplace Wellness

Keys to Resilient Families

Taken from the *Healthy Dalhousie* blog at <https://blogs.dal.ca/healthydal/2017/06/> (post by Janice MacInnis, Human Resources)

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Resilience can be defined as the capacity to rebound from adversity stronger and more resourceful. Individuals, groups, families and communities can all benefit from being more resilient. Froma Walsh, author of *Strengthening Family Resilience*, offers nine “keys to resilience” in three different areas: family belief systems, family organization and resources, and family communication. When considering any of these keys to resilience it's important to acknowledge that cultural differences could affect how these ideas look in any particular family. Read more [here](#) and share your comments about how you keep your family unit strong.

Atlantic Canadian PSE Grads Want to Stay but Feel They Can't

A recent survey by the Atlantic Association of Universities found that international grads from post-secondary institutions in Atlantic Canada want to stay in the region after graduating, but a lack of opportunity, among other factors, prevents them from doing so.

Out of 102 international grads:

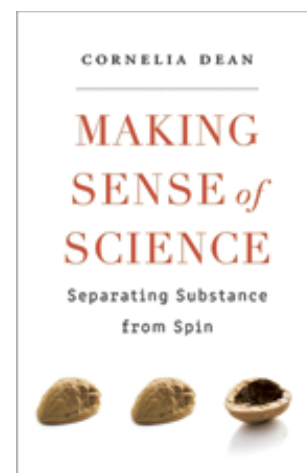
- 65 per cent hoped to stay in Atlantic Canada following graduation;
- 77 per cent wanted to live and work in the region;
- 58 per cent highlighted lack of job opportunities as their reason for leaving;
- 54 per cent cited small communities as a reason for leaving; and
- 50 per cent said they would leave to be near friends and family.

Books You Can Use

Making Sense of Science: Separating Substance from Spin

Cornelia Dean. Harvard University Press, 2017 (ISBN: 978-0-67405-969-6)

As Cornelia Dean states succinctly in this well-written book, we live in a world where “researchers gather data; politicians, business executives, or activists spin it; journalists misinterpret or hype it; and the rest of us don’t get it.” *Laura Bowater, professor of microbiology education and engagement at the University of East Anglia. The full book review is available at www.caut.ca.*



Research Links from Around the World

Each month, *News You Can Use* will highlight several examples of new and interesting research taking place at universities around the world.



[Helping advance Alzheimer's Disease research toward clinical trials](#)
(Dalhousie University)

[Humming Lemurs? U of T Mississauga decodes the secret language of ring-tailed lemurs](#)
(University of Toronto)

[Why do some people prefer order and others thrive in uncertainty?](#)
(University of California)

News You Can Use is a monthly e-bulletin featuring DFA news and links to items of interest to Dalhousie academic staff. If you have news we can use, please contact Catherine Wall, DFA Communications Officer, at Catherine.Wall@dal.ca. Submissions must be received no later than the 15th of the month to be considered for the following month's issue.

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